

Ford Kendall of Wooldridge, Mo., was here last week on a visit to his mother, Mrs. S. E. Kendall.

Judge J. W. Smith, southeast of Mexico, is suffering from a badly bruised knee. He was hurt about six weeks ago.

Mrs. Lamertine Lackland and Miss Sallie Lakenan attended the funeral of Rev. Fielding Marvin who died at Fayette.

Jewell Hodge, now of Sikeston, Mo. and his father, J. R. Hodge, of Laddonia, called on the Message Monday. Jewell was "back home" to move his family to Sikeston. He says E. M. Crooks is located about ten miles from him.

Joe Davis has bought the interest of his partner, Roy C. Mitchell, in the shoe business on the north side of the Squire. Mr. Mitchell died recently. The firm hereafter will be known as the Davis Shoe Company.

Noble Barnes says if it hailed any Monday night he didn't hear it. Noble used to study the sayings of Ben Franklin and believes in the saying of "early to bed and early to rise." That and a good conscience—of course he didn't hear.

Rev. J. S. Jesse of Waynesville, Mo., writes: "It is about time for me to remember the Editor—Message—by renewal. It is a little inconvenient to be forgotten too long." The Message prizes Brother Jesse as one of its very best friends.

J. Fred Cline, of Joplin, Mo., is the registered pharmacist in charge at Casey's Pharmacy on Jefferson and Promenade streets. Mr. Cline is a druggist of long experience, having been connected with Wolf Wilson Drug Co., St. Louis, for a number of years and also with Federmann Drug Co., Kansas City, for the last five years.

A. G. Azdell had trouble with one of his flues the next morning after the big fall of hail Monday night. Smoke went up the chimney and smoke came back down the chimney. It was thought the house was about to burn and the Fire Department came to the rescue. It was found the chimney was clogged with hail, and when it was unstopped all went all right.

LITTLE CHILD DEAD
Marion, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Rolla McIntire, died Saturday after a week's illness of pneumonia.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon at the home, conducted by Rev. H. P. Atkins. The pall-bearers were Dr. R. C. Strode, I. T. McCue, Theodore Williams, Nate Phillip. The parents have the deepest sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

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Weekly Market Letter

(Furnished by Woodson-Fennwald L. Com. Co., Nat'l Stock Yds., Ill.)
National Stock Yards, Ill., Mar. 13, 1917.—Cattle receipts have been light this week and the market 10 to 15c higher than last week's close, the bulk of the fat cattle selling fully 50c higher than two weeks ago.

Bulk of the choice steers \$11.25 to \$12.25; good \$10.50 to \$11.00; medium \$9.00 to \$9.75; fair killers, \$8.50 to \$9.00.

Choice light heifers \$10.00 to \$10.50. Good \$9.00 to \$9.75. Medium \$8.00 to \$8.75. Fair \$7.25 to \$8.00.

Choice cows \$9.00 to \$9.50. Good \$8.00 to \$8.50. Medium \$7.00 to \$7.50. Cutters \$6.00 to \$6.50. Canners \$5.50 to \$5.75.

Choice bulls \$8.75 to \$9.25. Good \$8.00 to \$8.50. Medium \$7.00 to \$7.50.

Hog receipts moderate, market 10 to 15c lower than yesterday's high time. Best butcher and heavy hogs \$14.85 to \$14.90. Good mixed and shipping hogs \$14.65 to \$14.75. Packing sows \$13.75 to \$14.00. Stags \$14.25 to \$14.50.

Sheep receipts 800, choice sheep and lambs steady. Good to best sheep \$11.00 to \$11.50. Good to choice lambs \$14.35 to \$14.75. 81 pound lambs sold today at \$11.90.

Elmer Reid, southwest of Mexico, attended the S. A. Muff sale last Thursday.

Harry Erdle, near Rush Hill, lost a rick of hay Monday night, struck by lightning and burned.

James Sneed of the Beaver Dam neighborhood attended the S. A. Muff sale last Thursday.

Things sold well at the S. A. Muff sale near Molino last Thursday. Harness and some of the implements sold for more than they cost when not new. Stock brought good prices and corn went as high as \$1.20 per bushel. The ladies of Mt. Zion Church served dinner and cleared over \$40.

JUDGES APPOINTED.

The city election is to be held Tuesday, April 3. The City Council has appointed the following to serve as judges:

First Ward (Democrats), Robert Menefee, J. T. Crews, J. W. Squires; (Republicans), W. T. Keith, C. B. Lyman, John Gamble.

Second Ward (Democrats), A. G. Azdell, J. W. Atchison, Joseph Williams; (Republicans), Wm. Frazier, Walter Squires, W. E. Newkirk.

Third Ward (Democrats), C. C. Heizer, W. A. Wayne, M. H. Heizer; (Republicans), John Renie, L. J. Farrah, R. R. Buckner.

Fourth Ward (Democrats), F. E. Eller, W. I. Paul, Clay McClure; (Republicans), T. J. Roberts, Garrett Barnes, D. M. Roberts.

Lots of fun and money in hatching chickens in a Jersey Incubator. You can almost count the chickens before they hatch. 120 egg size \$11.50. 170 egg size \$14.50. 240 egg size \$16.50. These are last year's prices.

L. R. FERRIS.

WOODCRAFT STORIES FOR LITTLE CHILDREN

By L. Roy Ferris.

"I just hate these March winds," said Bluejay. "They are always blowing my feathers around after I have spent the entire morning straightening them and looking in the Spring to see if they are straight. I just don't see what the wind is for, anyway. It hasn't a friend. I just simply—"

"Now, now, Brother Bluejay," said thoughtful Dove, "the wind is surely good for something. Is it not, Brother Flicker?"

"Yes, yes," said Golden Shafted Flicker. "Yes, yes. If you could have seen the Squirrel Family when the woods were flooded and they were stranded on a log, hold up their tails for a sail. Yes, the wind helped them out that time. Who do you think planted that sugar maple tree you are on?"

"Why, why, I don't know," stammered Bluejay. "I guess the squirrels did."

"No, you are wrong," said Flicker. "The squirrels really do plant the hickorynut and the pecan and the chinquapin and the walnut, but they don't plant the sugar maple and the sycamore."

"Oh, I know," said Beautiful Yellow Breasted Oriole.

"I know who did it. It was the wind. You see, the apple blooms have a little sail, like the little ship Tommie Tomkins made for the little cripple boy, and the wind pulls them from the tree and the little sail carries them along, like a little balloon. And the wind says, 'I will plant one here by the scaly bark hickory, and one over there by the lonesome birch.' For the trees get lonesome and want to talk to each other, else why do they lean over as though they were whispering to each other?"

"But," said the Bluejay, "the wind doesn't carry the balls like balloons."

"No, indeed," laughed Oriole. "The sycamore balls fall to the ground with a thump and the wind comes along and says, 'I will roll you along on the ground, and you can run a race!' So away they go, and one of them drops into a hole made by Old Jersey's foot in the mud."

WEST DULY LETTER.

Will Canada who has been confined to the house most all winter is able to be out.

Ben Winn, Sr., has not been very well for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bradford who bought the Clarence Hopkins place south of R. W. Powell has moved in and are repairing, getting ready for farming.

R. W. Powell is building a chicken house.

Edward Brooks and family of Laddonia have moved to the Crosby place to work for C. M. Fox who has it rented.

Oat sowing has begun.

There was a farmers club organized at Duly last week.

The Literary program was fine Friday night. House crowded and full program.

Mrs. M. C. Orear lived in this vicinity for years. Taught school in her own home one term in winter; it was a subscription school. Then after the Duly school house was built she taught there. Everybody loved her. She was a good woman. We sympathize with the family in their loss.

David Orear visited in this vicinity the past week. He says Missouri looks good to him.

THOMPSON LETTER.

Mrs. L. E. Davis and Sumner Davis and family visited at R. L. Davis's Sunday.

Mrs. J. T. Beatty returned home Friday after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith, for several days. Her parents accompanied her home and spent the day.

Mrs. Claude Sansberry entertained her Sunday school class Monday afternoon with a candy pulling.

Thomas Brenton and family visited George Meyer and family Sunday afternoon.

This community was saddened over the death of Mason Pulls, who died last Tuesday night. He had been in failing health for the past two years. He leaves a wife and four children, a father and mother and several brothers to mourn his death. The funeral was preached at Hopewell on Thursday at two p. m. by his cousin, Rev. Will Pulls, of Centralia, and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at that place. The entire community extends sympathy to the bereaved in this sad hour.

W. H. Blythe entertained J. T.

The little sycamore ball nestles down beside the Violet, and the first he knows he feels his jacket getting too small, like Tommie Tomkins when he takes turkey dinner at Grandmother's house, and before long he is a little sycamore tree, looking up at the blue sky that God painted and hung up there to make the little children and birds happy."

"I know another thing the wind does," said Redbird, who had heard what was being said. "He helps the Spider Family to move from one place to another. You see, Father Spider climbs a tree and spins a web that catches the wind, and it carries him as far as it is from the Spring to the mulberry tree, and then he winds up his web, like a boy winds up his kite string. After he climbs into another tree he puts out his sail and is ready for another ride. He plants the seed from which the pretty Golden Rod, Cowslips, Wild Columines and little boy breeches grow."

Just then they heard a loud noise like the wind talking down the chimney, when it piles the snow in front of the rich man's gate and sweeps it away from the poor widow's. "I tell you, you fellows will have to come with me."

And the wind had old achy mumps and strangle whooping cough and spotty chickenpox and reddey measles.

"I tell you, you rascals must come with me. You have already done too much harm with my children. I will take you out over the Salty Ocean where you will not hurt any other little boy or girl."

And the wind, dragging the diseases along, was soon out of hearing distance.

"I tell you," said Bluejay, "the Wind is not such a bad fellow after all."

As Mother Flicker crawled into her nest in the hollow tree she heard Mother Squirrel across in the black oak say, "Rock away, baby, in the tree-top, when the wind blows the cradle will rock," and you know you are mother's little darling."

Beatty and family, J. E. Beatty and family and W. H. Dempsey and family Friday night with graphophone music.

HEDGEDALE LETTER.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Snook have moved into their own home on the Crum place.

J. R. Snook butchered last week. Clarence Skelly was a visitor at Hedgedale Thursday.

Miss Anna Lee Sims spent Friday and Saturday with Mrs. Wm. Sims.

F. F. Witche helped Henry Beckman haul corn to Rush Hill last week. Corn was a dollar a bushel.

Mr. and Mrs. Witche motored to Santa Fe Tuesday to Mr. Harry Elam's.

Herbert Petty visited the Rush Hill schools Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Miller spent Tuesday evening with George Downs.

J. R. Snook sold seed oats to Geo. Erdel at 60 cents per bushel.

George Shram and wife spent Friday evening with George Downs and family.

Deloy Downs rode on his wheel to Laddonia to spend the week-end with Louis Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bethel have returned to their home in Salt Lake City.

Miss Pauline Miller and Mr. Dan Miller spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Downs.

Roy Barkley attended the school directors' convention in Mexico Saturday. Mr. Barkley says the meeting was a good one and those who were not there missed some good advice.

A crowd of friends charivariated Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Snook at their home Friday night. They were admitted by the young couple and refreshments were served. A sociable evening was spent with music. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kircher, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ray, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Witche, Misses Norma Aline, and Leona Kircher, Edna Erdel, Ruth Rouse, Elsie Witche, Messrs Glen and Clyde Ruse, Rogers, Mr. Palmer, Raymond and Leroy Snook, Edmond Witche, Oscar Erdel, and Milton Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Snook spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Erdel.

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HAZEL LETTER.

Mrs. Beckley, Mrs. Green and Rutholph Green spent a few days with relatives at Auxvasse last week.

O. F. Hafner has a new Ford car. Some say there will be three weddings hereabouts ere long. We are quite sure of one.

Mrs. James Ware entertained the Ladies Aid Society of Bethel Monday with a quilting bee.

Frank Vedder bought a pair of mules at Middleton's sale and Geo. Green bot one.

Most everybody was glad to see the big rain Monday night. A few were out of stock and drinking water.

Ed. Crawford is in Montana looking for a location. He will be gone about two weeks and returns for his family. They go for the benefit of Mr. Crawford's health.

We read with interest the letter from our old friend and one time neighbor, Mr. D. M. Price, in last week's Mexico Message, from Idaho. He says woe to the lawbreaker in Idaho. It would be a good thing if it were that way in some other places. We know of a circumstance that happened a few days ago not so very far from here where three or four young men got into trouble, and quite serious trouble at that. But one of the young men's folks had plenty of money and paid the fines of the whole gang, and it was kept very quiet on account of one party. In Idaho the man with money stands no more show than anybody else, and that's right, too. If he violates the law he is no better than a poor man. Let him take the consequences just the same.

JACKSON LETTER.

A heavy rain, the first in many weeks, fell here Monday night.

Will Culver and Ray Kettle shipped a car load of hogs to St. Louis last Saturday that sold at \$15.15 per cwt.

H. Franklin and son, Dewey, have moved their sawmill to their own place and are sawing lumber for a number of people.

Jerome and Ray Staples have traded for the stock and taken charge of Ben Middleton's barn.

Miss Julia Kesler is still confined to her room by illness.

Mrs. W. B. Freeman is improving slowly from recent illness.

Everett Jenkins from Auxvasse has moved to Mrs. Staples' place for the year.

Rev. Ames' regular appointment next Sunday at Union Chapel Church.

LIBERTY NEWS.

(By A and B Classes.)
Park Johnston bought two spans of mules and Sam Blase bought one mule to Mr. Middleton's sale.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Larkin visited our school last week.

John Smith bought a span of mules at Mr. Johnson's sale a week since.

Ernest Robinson and family and Miss Grace Throckmorton visited Mr. Ben Robinson Sunday.

The ladies of this neighborhood and several other friends will give a miscellaneous shower Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Cal Barnes for the family of Mr. Frank James who lost much of their household goods by fire recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ravenscraft and children visited Mr. Milford Atkins of Beaver Dam last Sunday.

L. J. Casey, proprietor of Casey's new drug store on Jefferson street, is in Desloge, Mo., on business.

Mr. A. W. Lewis and Miss Julia Coughlin of Jefferson City came over to Mexico Tuesday and were united in marriage, Judge J. H. Wayne officiating.

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Horses and Mules Wanted.

I will be in Auxvasse March 16 and Mexico March 17 to buy war mules, 5 to 9 years old, from 15.1 to 16 hands high, heavy bone. Horses from 4 to 20 years old, in good flesh. Bring in your mules and horses and I will try to buy them.

Will be at Middleton's Livery Barn on North Jefferson Street.

W. J. Woods, Mexico, Mo.

Wanted to Purchase.

A good pair wagon and stock scales. Parties having them for sale please notify Message at once.

FOR SALE—Red River Ohio Seed Potatoes.
2t A. B. WILDER, Mexico.

Property for Sale—22 acres of land just northeast of Laddonia, 16 acres adjoining the town and a house and lot in town, all belonging to the Beal heirs, will soon be offered for sale. It will be sold to the highest bidder. If you have a bid for a part or the whole of the property, address John Beal, Mexico, Mo. 1t

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